visit to the State of Andhra Pradesh made a request to the tobacco growing peasants to find out some alternative crops;

(b) if so, what are the details of the difficulties being faced by Government to overcome the crisis of the tobacco market; and

(c) whether Government are also making some proposal to give assistance to all the tobacco growers in India to switch over to some other agriculture produce?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Huge accumulated stocks with the trade and Government agencies, excess production consecutively in the previous and in the current years, sluggish demand in the international market due to over supply have posed serious problems in marketing tobacco.

(c) In the 22nd report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation (Xth Lok Sabha), the Committee had recommended providing the monetary help to farmers for changing over tobacco cultivation to alternative crops, research for developing new technology, high yielding varieties, fertilisers etc. for the alternative crops so as to help the farmers to maintain their level of profit while switching over to these alternative crops.

Dealers of Messey Furgueson Tractor in Rajasthan

†10. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dealers of Messey Furgueson Tractor in Rajasthan;

(b) the number of tractors being supplied to these dealers every month;

(c) whether these dealers take money from the farmers in advance by three months due to which tractor costs Rupees 20 to 30 thousand more to farmers;

(d) whether Government have any remedy to save the farmers from the loot of these dealers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (e) The issue of dealership and matters associated therewith, is the internal matter of private sector companies, and does not come within the purview of the Government.

Comprehensive Anti dumping Mechanism

11. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to come out with any comprehensive anti-dumping mechanism;

(b) what steps Government have taken to prevent dumping of sub-standard goods in the Indian market;

(c) whether Government are contemplating some steps to train Indian lawyers in the area of anti-dumping; and

(d) what other steps Government are contemplating to safeguard the Indian industry from reckless dumping of sub-standard foreign goods?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The Designated Authority appointed by Government conducts Anti-dumping investigations in India under Sections 9A, 9B & 9C of the Customs Tariff (Identification, Assessment & Collection of Anti-dumping Duty on dumped articles for Determination of Injury) Rules. As per the Rules of anti-dumping initiation of anti-dumping investigation is undertaken when the Domestic Industry files a petition to the Designated Authority, with *prima-facie* evidence, of dumping, injury and Casual link between the dumping of the imported goods and injury to the Domestic Industry. The recommendations of the Designated Authority are forwarded to the Central Government who levy the duties. Anti-dumping duties have been recommended by the Designated Authority in 60 cases from 1993 to date. Details are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 190, Annexure No. 1] An appeal against the recommendations of the Designated Authority in anti-dumping matters lies to Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal (CEGAT). Anti-dumping cases are defended before the Designated Authority and/or CEGAT by representatives or legal counsel appointed by the interested parties.